

## WOOD NOW HAS 153 VOTES

### Contests May Upset Campaign Manager's Predictions.

Chicago, May 27—Candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency today opened their final drive to capture the 493 votes that spell victory in the convention which opens here one week from next Tuesday.

The last of the 984 delegates who will sit in the convention were selected yesterday when Vermont Republicans met and chose eight uninstructed delegates.

Major General Wood, present returns show, will enter the convention with more instructed votes than any other candidate but his total of 153 is less than one-third of the number necessary to win the nomination.

The division of strength among the large field of "favorite sons" practically precludes any possibility of a nomination on the first ballot. Even the most optimistic campaign managers here are not claiming victory before the third ballot and the more conservative party leaders predict the break will not come before the fifth or sixth at the earliest.

One big factor which may upset campaign managers' predictions is yet to be dealt with. One hundred and forty-five contests have been or will be filed, more than one-seventh of all the seats in the convention being at stake, and the national committee which meets here Monday to decide these contests and prepare the temporary roll may materially alter the prospects of several candidates.

## LONGSHOREMEN TIE UP FREIGHT

Philadelphia, May 27—All deep sea freight, incoming and outgoing, is tied up at the port here as a result of the strike of the longshoremen today. More than 3,000 members of the Marine Transport Workers voted to walk out last night, following the refusal of employers to grant an increase of 20 cents an hour. The men are now paid 80 cents but ask \$1.10 in shipping circles here it is regarded by many as the longshoremen's opportunity to take advantage of the congested condition at the port of New York, which is resulting in great deal of freight being diverted here.

## BANK TELLER TOOK \$24,000 OF FIRM'S CASH

### ARE TO STUDY ZONE SYSTEM

New Haven, May 27—The trolley wage conference was resumed today. The long first session until well into last evening developed no outline of negotiations, as both sides, it is understood, had a general discussion on present general conditions, such as the increase in jitney service, the company's finances, operations on various lines and the general system. It is stated that no specific condition was taken up for analysis. Two matters which are expected to be studied are the zone system and competition of jitneys by the Connecticut Co.'s best lines of traffic. Conference will make no statement as to the discussions although an opinion was given that the sessions will extend through many days.

### THE WEATHER.

New Haven, May 27—Generally fair tonight and Friday.

## Palmer Is Opposed To Gov't Ownership

Washington, May 27—Flat opposition to government ownership of railroads, endorsement of federal control of manufacture and distribution of "necessary commodities" and elimination of excess profits taxes in favor of higher taxes on incomes from investments characterized the reply of Attorney General Palmer, made public today to the recent questionnaire submitted to presidential candidates and others by the national board of farm organizations.

Dealing specifically with the question of the five great meat packers, Mr. Palmer said the recent federal court decree, entered after long negotiations with the packers and the government, was the longest step yet taken toward their control.

The right of free speech, Mr. Palmer said, must be "carefully guarded and preserved."

"I would have men preach as radical doctrine as they will," he continued, "so long as they strive to make (Continued on Page Eight.)"

## MAY INCREASE PRICE OF GAS

It is said that the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. will presently increase the price of gas. The increase may be from \$1 to \$1.20 per thousand feet, net, and is predicated upon a large increase in the cost of oil, which is a substantial element in the manufacture of water gas.

The Bridgeport company is one of eleven hundred gas companies which have joined in a request to the Federal government for priority rights in the use of the gas oil supply.

At Washington yesterday at a conference of National Gas men, it was voted to ask the government to allot a certain portion of crude oil for the manufacture of gas. The government through its confiscation of crude oil for the navy has not only restricted the supply but doubled the price as well and as oil is one of the basic factors in gas production, prices for gas are on the increase all over the country.

## COUNTERFEITER HAD \$14,000 IN BAD BILLS

### PROPERTY TITLE IS UNDER CLOUD

### Action Brought to Settle Ownership of Land.

Claiming that there is a cloud on the title of property on High street, this city, which he bought from the heirs of John Levery, who died Aug. 15, 1845, Ellen G. Lush has brought suit to the June term of the Superior Court an action to quiet the title to the property and asking the Court to pass an order declaring that the defendants have no title to the property.

The complaint alleges that when John Levery bought the property in 1876 the grantor signed the deed individually and not as guardian of the party who actually owned the property.

The plaintiff also alleges that the title is further clouded by a provision in the will of John Levery, in which he devised the property to his widow for life, and after her death to a trustee, who was to hold the property for his son, Edward Levery, who was to get it when he arrived at the age of 30 years, and that in case he did not arrive at that age it was to be divided among such of his heirs as should be then living.

This provision the complaint alleges was void as it violated the statute against perpetuities.

The complaint alleges that when in case that it finds that any of the defendants are interested in the title, that it order a partition of the property so that each party may get his share.

Hartford, Conn., May 27—Charged with misappropriation of \$24,000 of the funds of the Phoenix National Bank, of which he was a teller, Augustus H. Schumacher, of 34 Wilford street, was arrested today on a federal warrant by Deputy U. S. Marshal McCarthy. It is expected Schumacher will be brought before Commissioner Frederic H. Corbett, this afternoon, for a preliminary hearing.

Schumacher had been under suspicion nearly a week and had been closely watched by detectives while the bank officials tried to get admissions from him. These were secured last night, according to L. P. Broadhurst, president of the bank, and the man was placed under arrest by the police.

The sum specifically charged against Schumacher is \$24,700. He told Mr. Broadhurst, it is alleged, that he didn't know where it went; "it just dribbled away."

Schumacher had been a bank employee 33 years and with the Phoenix about six years. His system of covering his alleged misappropriations is said to have been very complicated. The bank is protected by a blanket bond.

While at work in the East End freight yards this morning, Patrick O'Brien, who makes his home at the Bronx hotel on Water street, was taken with a stroke of apoplexy that paralyzed his right side.

Dr. B. J. Burns responding to a call for the ambulance found the man unconscious and rushed him to the Bridgeport hospital. Up till noon he had not regained consciousness. His condition was reported at the hospital as fair.

POPULATION STATISTICS  
Washington, May 27—Decatur, Ill., 43,818 increase 12,675 or 40.7 percent. Pratt, Kas., 4,716 increase 1,414 or 42.8 percent.

## BUTLER HAD SMALL FUND

The probabilities of an increase in the price of gas in Bridgeport was taken up with an official of the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. and the reporter advised that it was expected that an increase would have to be made at the expiration of the company's present oil contract.

"We are giving the public the benefit of existing rates just as long as possible and any increase made will be predicated on the increased cost of oil. We were one of the companies fortunate to have been provided with a good supply of oil, but we are advised that gas oil now costs about twice the amount we have been paying and naturally we will be compelled to make an advance to meet, at least, a portion of this increase. In nearly all cities where oil is used as a basis for gas production, the rates have been advanced. Public Utilities Commissions are keeping in close touch with the situation."

Washington, May 27—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, has been financed to the extent of \$40,550, Judge John R. Davies of New York testified today before the Senate committee of inquiry.

Five men gave \$5,000 each, the witness said. They were Gano Dunn, W. C. Demorest, Benjamin B. Lawrence and C. F. Alston of New York and W. C. Butler of Everett Wash. Judge Davis told the committee that he and Henry M. Butler of Paterson, N. J., gave \$2,500 each while Arthur T. Hardy gave \$2,000, and J. Imman Barrett, John P. Prince, A. W. Samuels and Edward M. Hall, all of New York, gave \$1,000 each. In addition, he said H. B. Rosen gave \$1,200 and Archibald Douglas and Charles A. Moore \$500 each. The entire fund was spent on general publicity, the witness testified.

Judge Davis was questioned as to the possibility of laws limiting expenditures for candidates before national conventions.

"I don't see how you can do it," he said. "If you go into state primaries, you have got to organize, and the expenses all over the country will then be tremendous."

J. S. Darst, West Virginia state auditor and chairman of the committee in that state for General Wood's campaign, was the next witness.

"I have here the full statement showing that \$4,433 was spent in our campaign," he said. "That's every dollar, though there will be bills that amount to \$2,000 more. I received \$5,000 from the national headquarters."

A total of \$113,109 has been raised for the campaign of Senator Harding, Republican, of Ohio, and \$107,704 spent by the committee, was told by Harry M. Dougherty, representing the senator.

MADE SEVERAL PUBLIC BEQUESTS  
Aunt Gives Mayor \$500 and Camphor Wood Trunk

Under the will of Miss Eunice S. Wilson, aunt of Mayor Wilson, filed in Probate Court today, several public bequests are made. These include \$250 to the Fairfield Cemetery association for the care of the lot; \$1,000 to the People's Presbyterian church; \$700 to the Bridgeport Christian Union, and \$500 to the Stratfield Baptist society. Mayor Wilson is given \$500 and a camphor-wood, leather-trunk bearing the name of his great-grandfather, John S. Wilson.

To Dr. N. V. B. Dunham of Greenfield Hill is given \$1,000, while neighbors come in for the following bequests: Captain Harlan P. Rugg and his wife, \$300; Mrs. Catherine Winer, \$300; Mrs. Clementine Bidnead, \$300; Mary M. Miller of Fairfield, \$500; Ivan Howland Benedict, \$500; Eric W. Benedict, \$500; Eunice Benedict, for her name, gold beads and bracelet; Charles C. Lacy, \$500; Charles W. Barrett, \$500. A conditional bequest is given Catherine W. Morehouse of \$100 and the residue is given to Ann L. Burton.

A codicil, made after the will was drawn on July 25, 1913, appoints the late Henry C. Mallett as executor. The estate is valued at approximately \$5,000 and consists chiefly of personal property.

## MAKE CATLIN CHIEF ENGINEER

Joseph P. Catlin, who has been chief engineer of the motor department of the General Electric plant in Pittsfield, Mass., has been appointed chief engineer of the plant in this city and begins his new duties next Tuesday. Carl M. Lynde also of Pittsfield, will be the assistant engineer, while F. J. Pilon, another Pittsfield man, will have entire charge of the cost department. These men will arrive in Bridgeport Tuesday to take up their new work.

## MIRTH COSTLY TO YOUNG MAN

Fined \$10 by Judge Frank L. Wilder, for contempt of court, in the City court this morning, John Stewart of Bridgeport elected to go to jail rather than pay the fine. Stewart occupied a rear seat in the court room this morning, during the trial of the seven young men who were arrested last night upon the complaint of two women. He had difficulty in controlling his mirth, and was fined \$10 by Judge Wilder after the judge had ordered the court room cleared.

"This is not a vaudeville show, and people don't come here to laugh at other persons' sorrows and misfortunes," declared Judge Wilder.

Stewart was greatly "put out" by the action of the court and according to last reports, elected to go to jail rather than pay the \$10 fine.

PROPERTY EXTENDED.  
On his discovery that the property \$71 and \$73 Brewster avenue, was six inches over the line of the proposed extension of Canfield avenue, Menhert Pinter of this city, demanded that the \$200 which he had paid as a deposit on the purchase price of the property be returned to him by Joseph Szilagyi. When Szilagyi refused to return it Pinter brought an action for \$300 against him which had been returned to the June term of the Court of Common Pleas.

## SHOOTS WIFE THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

While in a fit of despondency believed to have been brought on by ill health, Jacob Halpert, a jewelry peddler, shot and killed his wife Fannie, and then took his own life by shooting, in the bedroom of their apartment at 1313 State street about 10:20 o'clock this morning.

## THREE MORE MEMBERS OF HOLDUP GANG TAKEN

With the arrest of Joseph Retter, 815 Broad street, Arthur O'Connor, 4 Gilbert street, and George Prince, of the same address, the police believe they have rounded up the members of a hold-up gang which has been operating in the West End in conjunction with the men who were arrested Tuesday for hold-ups and robberies in the East Side.

The arrest of Retter, O'Connor and Prince was made by local detectives yesterday, and the men have already been identified by two persons whom they are alleged to have robbed. Frank Winter of 1429 Fairfield avenue, who was set upon by three men on the night of May 15 at the corner of Yale street and Fairfield avenue, has identified Prince as one of the men who attacked him.

Winter suffered a broken jaw and the loss of a gold watch and chain in the mix-up. A watch chain found on Prince's person has been identified as Winter's. The second victim to identify the alleged highway robbers, is Rev. Gerassimos Elias, of 430 State street, who was held up on the night of May 5, at the corner of Warren and Liberty streets, by two men. The priest received a beating and was robbed of \$15 in cash.

Two murderous-looking black-jacks were found on the men when they were taken into custody yesterday, and a search of their rooms revealed pistols, clubs and knives. The police expect to gain confessions from the three men, which will clear up a number of burglaries that have recently occurred in the West End.

Further progress was made by the police today in the cases of the alleged hold-up artists who were recently arrested in connection with robberies and burglaries in the East Side. On account of a lack of evidence, charges against Mascha Villachier, of Goodwin street, were nolle. The police have discovered, however, that the men were directly concerned in half a dozen burglaries which are yet to be cleaned up.

The three who were arrested yesterday were arraigned in the City Court this morning on a charge of breach of the peace investigation. They were held until Saturday, in order that they and other investigation may be completed.

In apprehending the men who are now being held at police headquarters, it is believed that the local detectives have broken up a large gang of highwaymen who have been terrorizing citizens in both the East Side and the West End. Police records show that an epidemic of burglaries and hold-ups has occurred in this city during the past two months, and the local officers are striving to make a clean-up of the persons responsible. A good start has evidently been made.

After a three days' search, the police succeeded in locating and arresting this afternoon, Albert Veilleux, alias "Frenchy" of Goodwin place, Stratford, alleged leader of the gang of hold-up men which has been broken up by local detectives during the past two days.

When brought to the detective department at police headquarters, Veilleux identified one of the blackjacks found by the police, as his own. The man is now being held under \$2,500 bonds on a technical charge of breach of the peace. The authorities are certain that "Frenchy" is one of the ringleaders of the gang which is now being held in custody.

## NO MANDATE FOR ARMENIA

Washington, May 27—President Wilson's proposal for an American mandate over Armenia was disparaged today by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Only four Democrats opposed adverse action on the president's request.

By a vote of 11 to 4 the committee reported a resolution declaring that Congress respectfully declined to grant to the executive the power to accept a mandate over Armenia.

## MORE DIVORCE ACTIONS FILED

Three more divorce actions were returned to the June term of the Superior Court today.

Anna Lambert of Norwalk, wants a divorce from Frank Lambert of New Britain on the ground of intolerable cruelty, which she alleges were inflicted on her from Dec. 1, 1917, to the date of the writ. They were married Nov. 6, 1916, and have two children, aged 2 and 3 years.

The plaintiff also asks the custody of the child, Oscar Lindholm of Wilton, asks the court to grant him a divorce from Eleanor Van A. Lindholm, whose maiden name he alleges was Mungler, on the ground of intolerable cruelty and desertion. They were married Dec. 23, 1912, and the plaintiff alleges that she deserted him Dec. 23, 1916.

Emily Augusta Olsen, whose residence is not stated, wishes a divorce from Axel Wilhelm Olsen of New York city, on the ground that he deserted her Nov. 24, 1910. They were married Nov. 17, 1910, and the plaintiff also asks that she be given the right to resume her maiden name of Emily Augusta Nelson.

SMALL DETAILS KEPT ON DUTY  
Hartford, May 27—Small details of state guardmen were kept on duty throughout the night as the result of a "bomb" explosion in the cellar kitchen of the state armory and arsenal last night. The captain and the Connecticut river bridge to East Hartford were kept under guard until daylight.

Experts had opportunity to examine the fragments of the "bomb." Its outside casing was apparently a 15-inch section of brass tubing. The ends were not secured with plugs with lead. Some examiners believe that an acid was used to accomplish detonation but they could not tell the nature of the explosive used. The material damage to the kitchen was not great.

## DRIVEN BY DESPONDENCY JACOB HALPERT COMMITS MURDER AND SUICIDE—EIGHT CHILDREN SURVIVE PARENTS.

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## ANNOYED WOMEN GET HEAVY FINES

Arrested last night upon the complaint of Mrs. Walter Balle and Miss Marian Balle, both of Grover avenue, seven young men were arraigned in the City Court this morning on a charge of breach of the peace. The girls claimed that the young men insulted them in Seaside park last night. Lawrence Horsey of 85 Burr road, one of the members of the gang, was fined \$75 by Judge Frank L. Wilder when he refused to tell the court this morning the names of the young men, who spoke to the women. In spite of much questioning, Horsey failed to disclose the information which was sought by the court. He claimed ignorance of the affair. Three young men, Andrew Wargo of 144 Orland street, James Maken of 118 Andover street, and Michael Stefan of 265 Orland street, were fined \$25 for their parts in the affair. Charges against George Petrician of 115 Whittier street, Steve Egersey of 91 Davis street, and John Huradk of Grover avenue were nolle.

In imposing fines upon the young men this morning, Judge Wilder declared that it was high time a woman could pass through the streets of Bridgeport at night without being insulted.

CLAIM WOOD RECEIVED ENORMOUS SALARIES  
New York, May 27—William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Co. of New York, and of the American Woolen Co. of Massachusetts, will face arraignment before Federal Judge Hand tomorrow on indictments charging profiteering in woolen cloth. A federal grand jury yesterday indicted Mr. Wood and both companies on 14 counts. Herbert C. Smyth, special Assistant U. S. Attorney General in charge of the prosecution, declared Mr. Wood was receiving "enormous salaries" from the companies, in addition to commissions, which in 1919 amounted to \$515,482. This, Mr. Smyth said, was charged as part of the manufacturing and selling expenses.

Mr. Smyth asserted the company was receiving 35 per cent profit above cost and said the company this year increased their profits more than 300 per cent. over last year.

In addition to the regular attorneys of the woolen companies, Mr. Wood engaged Charles E. Hughes as counsel.

TUCCI CASE GOES TO JURY.  
New York, May 27—The case of Maria Tucci, 20, charged with slaying her sister, Mrs. Angelina Conti, in their flat here March 8, went to the jury shortly before noon today.

Daniels' Evidence Is Severe Criticism  
Washington, May 27—Rear Admiral Sims, appearing before the Senate investigating committee today in rebuttal testimony, declared that "the navy department's witnesses" had revealed a condition in the navy "even more distressing than I could have imagined, and constitutes a much more severe criticism of the deplorable conditions referred to than I myself have submitted."

"A very careful review of the evidence submitted by the navy department's witnesses," said the admiral, "shows that in no single instance were the 15 points raised by me in criticism disproved. On the contrary most of them were freely admitted. The testimony of the department's witnesses seems to be designed not to disprove but to explain them away or to obscure them by the raising of extraneous issues."

KOLCHAK WAS PLACED IN CAGE  
Van Couver, B. C., May 27—Admiral Kolchak, former head of the All-Russian government, after his capture by revolutionists, was placed in a cage at Irkutsk and exhibited for a nominal charge, according to N. Deberg, former member of the Admiral's staff, who arrived yesterday from the Orient on the steamer Manilla Maru.

Crowds surrounded the cage, according to Deberg, heaping epithets upon Kolchak and jeering at him. Previous to Admiral Kolchak's capture, Deberg said, he had journeyed toward the seacoast in an automobile, supposedly under the protection of the allied governments. Deberg escaped at night in a steamer on which all lights were masked, and reached Tokio.

## ARE TO TRY 57 MINERS

Indianapolis, Ind., May 27—Fifty-seven bituminous coal miners and operators who entered pleas of guilty to charges of violating Section 9 of the Lever act in Federal court here yesterday, will be tried Nov. 8, 1920. The date was set by District Judge A. B. Anderson after he had overruled a smother plea by Charles Evans Hughes, counsel for the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, and attorneys for the operators.

## HIT BY JITNEY

While alighting from a trolley car at the corner of Main street and Fairfield avenue this morning, Stanley Rainey, of 17 Thorne street was struck and slightly injured by a jitney bus operated by Joseph Gross, of 25 Lexington avenue. The jitneyman was arrested for reckless driving, and was fined \$10 and costs in the city court.

## CLAIMS NEGLIGENCE CAUSED DAMAGE

Claiming that his automobile was injured to the amount of \$500 when it was struck by another car owned by C. E. Lowell of New Milford at the corner of Fairfield avenue and Courtland street, on May 19, 1919, Joseph Dubois of this city has brought an action against Lowell claiming that the collision was caused by the negligent operation of the Lowell car.